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Greetings!

Some time has gone by, so I would like to talk to you again. We can still do a lot of skiing, although it is already March 17th, but the snow is still above the knees. Various contests are being held. I earn a little extra with these contests, the umpires are paid either in cash or with food coupons. Most of the contests are held in Cesis, Sigulda, and Plavinas. There are skiing trains going to Araisi and Cesis. There were 800 persons on it. There will be another train to Ergli. I have not been there yet myself. I also am interested in other kinds of sport. In the ice skating contest, <sup>BERZINS</sup> Alfons<sup>s</sup> was the chief umpire. The old Alberts, his teacher, also took part; he is now rather stiff on his legs, he walks with a cane, but Alfons went skating last Sunday, he placed first in the 500 meter skating contest, but he lost in the 3000 meter contest.

<sup>Drugs</sup>  
The old ~~Bergins~~ is 83 years old, and in the contest where [BERZINS] Alfons<sup>s</sup> took part the old man was the chief umpire. The best skater was Strods.

Our summers are too short and the swimmers have a hard time, now they are building a large swimming pool opposite the army stadium. When it is finished, I also plan to have my children trained there. My boy is still too young, but for the girl it is now too late to start. She has to study a lot and was ill several times, she had scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc. The boy is healthy. He could train in javelin

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throwing, the old Otto has been training javelin throwers for the last two years, he sends greetings to Janka. Otis had a 17-year old son, but he was drowned last fall in a swimming pool at night. He still has a 22 year old daughter.

I think the results are average. Our Lithuanian neighbors have made great efforts. Baltuskins yesterday threw a disc 53.82 meters. JAUNZEME [ ] Inese is not yet in good form and she was in fourth place with 46. Paksite placed first with 49.85. You already know about Pipina, she has had more choice, she has been to Paris and has not started at all here. In the total results the Lithuanians won with a difference of 20 points.

Greetings to all

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Petris Strods and Alfons Berzins at the Start

Yesterday two contests took place on the skating rink of the Park of Culture and Rest; one was for the prize of the park and the other a speed-skating contest for seniors. The contest flag was raised by the Latvian ex-champion Tatyana Drizina, the winner of the Republic youth group, Lasma Avotina, the European ex-champion, Alfons Berzins, and the Republic champion, Pauls Felsbergs.

Some of our best speed-skaters did not take part in the contest for the prize of the Park of Culture, including A. Klavina, A. Gulite, F. Leitis, and others. In the womens contest L. Avotina won in both distances, and in the mens contest P. Felsbergs was the winner.

The contest for senior skaters began. The women started with distances of 500 and 1,000 meters, the men with 500 and 1,500 meters. Suddenly there was a change in the program: the senior men had expressed the desire to start with a speed-skating contest of 3,000 meters. The best in the women's group was G. Minina, followed by T. Drizina, L. Vitola-Zaigzne, and E. Jaunze<sup>m</sup>ne. There were more participants in the men's group and we saw some of the former international contest participants: A. Berzins, J. Grantins, P. Strods, S. Strods, as well as the Latvian champion in bicycling A. Jurjevs, and the 65 year old P. Petrovs from Leningrad, and others. The 500 meter speed-skating was opened by the two oldest contestants,

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N. Galakrodznieks and P. Petrovs. In the third pair the European ex-champion Alfons Berzins, who started together with E. Jaunzems, a member of the "Spartak" club, showed the best time for senior skaters, 51.4 seconds. Peteris Strods followed with only 1/10 of a second. A serious competitor for the two best seniors was A. Kovacenko, who was <sup>first</sup> in the 3,000 meter distance. P. Strods and A. Berzins again started together. They completed the first circles shoulder to shoulder, however, Strods had a surer and more regular stride. The skating contest was watched with great enthusiasm not only by a large audience, but also by the young speed-skaters of "Daugava" and "Spartaks." And it was natural for them to be enthusiastic. Only recently Alfons Berzins had trained the select team of "Daugava", but P. Strods is even now the trainer for the "Spartaks." In the end, however, Strods was ahead of Berzins and finished 6 seconds ahead of him.

In the meantime, the group of judges, which included many older generation sportsmen (the chief judge was the 83 year old J. Drugis, the starter was the bicyclist Wilsons, and the time keeper was the old champion for speed-skating Rumba), were computing the results in the senior's contest. That is not an easy matter, so that the judgment would be fair several points have to be added to the contestant's results depending on their age. In the total results the winner was A. Kovacenko, followed by P. Strods and A. Berzins.

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# UN ALEONS BERZINS

Sakas vėrmelstari sacen-  
silbas. Slevietės, startė 500 m  
1000 m distansė. Vieni  
500 m 1500 m Tė. pėkėn  
programas, malda, seniori  
vieni 3000 m, vėlesnė  
startė 3000 m, sildojuma  
Nė slevietėm, spėgalica, izrėdas  
gados, vėkaka, dailinėlė, O. Mi-  
nifra, izr. vias, palek T. Džin-  
na, L. Vildė, Valzėne, un-  
Jaunzėmė, Valrak, dailinėlė, ir  
vėdėn grėpa, kur rėdam  
kapitėlėjės, ar planuotė, sa-  
nėdėn, dailinėlė A. Bėrlin-  
is, Granitėn, P. Strėds, S. Šir-  
du, an, kėlviu, mėlstari, ir  
braukėnė, A. Jėrėvė, an, 55  
gadias, 200, izrėvadėlė, P. Bėr-  
ėvė, an, 500 m, mēdėluma,  
and, an, vėkade, dailinėlė,  
N. Gėlėn, dailinėlė, an, P. Bėr-  
ėvė, vėkade, dailinėlė, eks-  
templos, A. Bėrlin, kas  
sior, kėlė, ar spėralė,  
jėlėvėn, kėlė, dailinėlė, pėmas, lėkė,  
lėkė, vėkade, ir, an, 5, spėr-  
lėkė, an, dailinėlė, dailinėlė,  
dailinėlė, spėr, mėlstari,  
P. Bėrlin, Strėds, dailinėlė, kėl-  
vėn, abėm, an, kėlė, an, an,  
nėm, A. Kėvėčėnko, kas, an,

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ALMA  
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US STRODS  
BĒRZINS

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ekscempions A. Bērziņš un seniors sacensību  
čempions Pauls Felsbergs. Uzvarētājs sporta meistars P. Strods.

Kultūras parka ballyas izcīnā  
nepiedalījās vairāki no mūsu  
redzamākajiem ātrslidotajiem —  
A. Klavina, A. Gulbe, F. Lettis  
u. c. Slēpētēm abas distances  
uzvarēja L. Avotina, vīrie-  
šiem — P. Felsbergs.

Sākas vecmeistaru sacen-  
sības. Slēpētes startē 500 un  
1000 m distancēs, vīrieši —  
500 un 1500 m. Te pēkšņi —  
programmas maiņa: seniori  
vīrieši izteikusi vēlēšanos  
startēt 3000 m slidojumā.  
No slēpētēm spēcīgāka izrādās  
gados vecāka dalībniece G. Mi-  
nina, aiz viņas paliek T. Drizl-  
pa, L. Vilola, Zvaigzne un E.  
Jaunzeme. Vairāk dalībnieku ir  
vīriešu grupa, kur redzam gan  
kādreizējos starptautisko sa-  
censību dalībniekus A. Bērziņu,  
J. Grantiņu, P. Strodu, S. Stro-  
du, gan Latvijas meistaru riten-  
braucēnu A. Jorlepu, gan 65  
gadus veco leninbrādiņu K. Pet-  
rovu un citus. 500 m slidojumu  
atkal abi vecākie dalībnieki —  
N. Galatrodziņš un P. Pet-  
rovs. Trešajā pāri Eiropas eks-  
cempions Alfons Bērziņš, kas  
startē kopā ar spartakiem E.  
Jaunzemi. Izrāda dienas labāko  
laiku vecmeistariem — 51.4 sek.  
Tikai pāri vienai sekunde atstā-  
dalu alpalek sporta meistars  
Pēteris Strods. Ristams konkū-  
rents abiem spēcīgākajiem senio-  
riem ir A. Kovacenko, kas arī

uzvar 3000 m distancē. P. Strods  
un A. Bērziņš atkal startē abi  
kopā. Pirmos aplūsi abi pretinieki  
iet plecu pie pleca, taču Stroda  
solis drošāks, vienmērīgāks. Slī-  
dojumam ar lielu aizrautību sā-  
ko ne vien daudzie skatītāji, bet  
arī «Daugavas» un «Spartaka»  
jaunie ātrslidotāji. Un kā gan  
nepamudināt savus audzinātā-  
jus — vēl neaiz Alfreds Bērziņš  
gatavoja «Daugavas» izlasi, bet  
Pēteris Strods arī tagad ir spar-  
takiešu treneris! Bērziņš, toties  
Strods atraulas no Bērziņa un fi-  
nišā sesas sekundes 51.15 par-  
to.

Tikmēr tiesnešu koleģija, kur-  
ras sastāvā arī ir daudz vecā-  
kās paaudzes sportistu (galve-  
nais tiesnesis — 83 gadus ve-  
cāls J. Druģis, kā starteris sirā-  
da ritenbraucējs Vilsons), laika  
tiesnesis — ātrslidošanas ve-  
cmeistars Rumba), sleidza apre-  
ķina: senioru sacensību uzvarē-  
tāju. Tas nemaz nav tik vienkār-  
ši, lai vērtējumā būtu iekļauta  
dalībnieku rezultātiem jābūt jā-  
ta vairāk, pūstā, ātrā, no  
vecuma. Kovacenko uzvar A.  
Kovacenko, seko P. Strods un  
A. Bērziņš.